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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicants: Antignani et al.

Serial No.: 09/755,269

Art Unit: 1623

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Examiner: R. Gitomer

For: **ADDITIVE FORMULATION AND METHOD OF USE THEREOF**

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Sir:

This is submitted in-response to the Office Action mailed on July 12, 2001 for which a
Petition for a Three-Month Extension of Time to November 12, 2001 and the requisite fee is
enclosed.

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel 19-23 without prejudice.

REMARKS

Claims 19-23 having been canceled without prejudice in response to a restriction
requirement, Claims 1-18 now remain in this application.

Applicants respectfully submit that the amendment has been made in good faith; that no
new matter has been added and that the Claims are in proper form for allowance.

The examiner has requested an election of subject matter pursuant to a restriction
requirement under 35 U.S.C. §121 to one of the following groups:

- I. Claims 1-18, drawn to a composition of heparinase, classified in class 435, subclass
13.

- II. Claim 19, drawn to a method of eliminating the effects of heparin, classified in class 435, subclass 2.
- III. Claim 20, drawn to a method for preparing a composition of heparinase, classified in class 435, subclass 13.
- IV. Claims 21-22, drawn to a tube for preparing heparin, unclassifiable.
- V. Claim 23, drawn to a method for making a tube, unclassifiable.

In response to the restriction requirement, applicants elect without traverse, Group I, Claims 1-18, drawn to a composition of heparinase.

Applicants expressly reserve the right to the non-elected subject matter including the right to file one or more continuation and/or divisional applications to that subject matter, as now embraced in non-elected Claims 19-23.

CONCLUSION

Applicants respectfully submit that Claims 1-18 are in proper form for allowance.

Respectfully submitted,

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